

Dear FCC,

I am disturbed to find out that the NAB is worried about competing with satellite radio services offered on a local level so much that they have to try and block these services. First of all, the Instant Traffic & Weather stations provided by XM are great resources of information. Their traffic reports are more comprehensive and run continuously, as oppose to hearing about a few isolated incidents once every 10 or 15 minutes on terrestrial radio. This service is especially useful living in the commute-heavy Washington, DC and Baltimore areas. The NAB should worry about telling terrestrial radio owners to develop ways to improve the traffic reports, rather than use Congress to limit satellite radio services. While these are great services, for the most part, I listen to dance music stations XM81 BPM and XM82 The System. This type of music has never really took off in the US, and the few terrestrial stations that are trying the format are slowly dying off. These stations are the main reasons I subscribed to XM in the first place. I've also enjoyed other formats rarely or never heard as a 24/7 format on terrestrial radio, such as 80s on XM8, 90s on XM9, XM27 Cinemagic (movie music), and XM151 Laugh USA (comedy bits). Since I pay for this service, I don't appreciate the NAB trying to limit what XM can broadcast. Therefore, I respectfully ask that the NAB's petition 04-160 as well as HR 4026 be rejected.

Thank you in advance for you taking my opinion into consideration.

Sincerely,
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